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Betsy J. Houchen

Betsy Houchen, R.N., M.S., J.D.
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CONSENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN LAUREN M. GOETZ, R.N., C.N.M. AND OHIO BOARD OF NURSING

This Consent Agreement is entered into by and between **LAUREN M. GOETZ, R.N., C.N.M. (MS. GOETZ)** and the Ohio Board of Nursing (Board), the state agency charged with enforcing Chapter 4723. of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC), and all administrative rules promulgated thereunder.

This Consent Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties, there being no other agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, which varies the terms of this Consent Agreement.

BASIS FOR ACTION

This Consent Agreement is entered into on the basis of the following stipulations, admissions and understandings:

- A. The Board is empowered by Section 4723.28, ORC, to deny, permanently revoke, revoke, suspend, or place restrictions on any license issued by the Board; reprimand or otherwise discipline a licensee; or impose a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or less per violation. Section 4723.28(B)(28), ORC, authorizes the Board to discipline a licensee for, in the case of a clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner, failure to maintain a standard care arrangement in accordance with section 4723.431 of the Revised Code or to practice in accordance with the standard care arrangement. Section 4723.28(B)(16), ORC, authorizes the Board to discipline a licensee for violation of Chapter 4723, ORC, or any rules adopted under it. Specifically, Section 4723.431(A), ORC, states except as provided in division (D)(1) of this section, a clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner may practice only in accordance with a standard care arrangement entered into with each physician or podiatrist with whom the nurse collaborates. Section 4723.431(B), ORC, states a standard care arrangement shall be in writing and shall contain all of the following: (5) A procedure for a regular review of the referrals by the clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner to other health care professionals and the care outcomes for a random sample of all patients seen by the nurse. Rule 4723-4-06(E), Ohio Administrative Code, states that a licensed nurse shall, in a complete, accurate, and timely manner, report and document nursing assessments or

observations, the care provided by the nurse for the client, and the client's response to that care.

B. **MS. GOETZ** has been licensed to practice nursing as a registered nurse in the State of Ohio, RN-141810, in March 1976. **MS. GOETZ** was initially issued a certificate of authority, COA-01311, as a certified nurse midwife in June 1997 and a certificate to prescribe, RX-01311, in June 2005.

C. **MS. GOETZ** states the following:

1. On July 7, 2011, **MS. GOETZ** admitted to a Compliance Unit agent that she treats and prescribes for five of her adult children and keeps their medical charts and documentation in her home. **MS. GOETZ's** collaborating physicians under her standard care arrangement, were not aware that she retained records in her home separate from the medical office and her "home" records were not subject to random collaborating physician review. **MS. GOETZ** further stated that she does not document patient histories or examination information in her children's' records "because she keeps it in her head." **MS. GOETZ** stated that she maintains these charts in her home so that her children are not billed for the care she provides.

AGREED CONDITIONS

Wherefore, in consideration of the foregoing and mutual promises hereinafter set forth, and in lieu of any formal proceedings at this time, **MS. GOETZ's** license to practice nursing as a registered nurse, certificate of authority as a certified nurse midwife, and certificate to prescribe in the State of Ohio shall be **REPRIMANDED**. **MS. GOETZ** knowingly and voluntarily agrees with the Board to the following terms, conditions and limitations:

1. **By January 1, 2013, MS. GOETZ** shall pay the fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), by certified check, cashier check, or money order, made payable to the "Treasurer, State of Ohio," to the Board. Payment shall be mailed to the attention of the Compliance Unit, Ohio Board of Nursing, 17 South High Street, Suite 400, Columbus, OH 43215-7410.
2. **By January 1, 2013**, in addition to the requirements for licensure renewal, **MS. GOETZ** shall successfully complete and submit documentation of satisfactory completion of the following continuing nursing education, or another comparable education class approved in advance by the Board or its designee, **taken subsequent to the effective date of this Consent Agreement**: five (5) hours of Ethical Decision Making; five (5) hours of Boundaries; five (5) hours of Documentation; and one (1) hour of Ohio Law and Rules.

FAILURE TO COMPLY

MS. GOETZ agrees that her license to practice nursing as a registered nurse, certificate of authority as a certified nurse midwife and certificate to prescribe will be automatically suspended if it appears to the Board that **MS. GOETZ** has violated or breached any terms or conditions of the Consent Agreement. Following the automatic suspension, the Board shall notify **MS. GOETZ** via certified mail of the specific nature of the charges and automatic suspension of her license and certificates. Upon receipt of this notice, **MS. GOETZ** may request a hearing regarding the charges.

The above described terms and conditions shall constitute "restrictions placed on a license" for purposes of Section 4723.28(B), ORC. If, in the discretion of the Board, **MS. GOETZ** appears to have violated or breached any terms or conditions of this Consent Agreement, the Board reserves the right to institute formal disciplinary proceedings for any and all possible violations or breaches, including, but not limited to, alleged violations of the laws of Ohio occurring before the effective date of this Consent Agreement.

MODIFICATION OF TERMS

The terms, limitations and conditions of this Consent Agreement may be modified or terminated, in writing, at any time upon the agreement of both **MS. GOETZ** and the Board.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS/LIABILITY RELEASE

MS. GOETZ acknowledges that she has had an opportunity to ask questions concerning the terms of this Consent Agreement and that all questions asked have been answered in a satisfactory manner.

MS. GOETZ waives all of her rights under Chapter 119, ORC, as they relate to matters that are the subject of this Consent Agreement.

MS. GOETZ waives any and all claims or causes of action she may have against the Board, and its members, officers, employees and/or agents arising out of matters that are the subject of this Consent Agreement.

This Consent Agreement shall be considered a public record as that term is used in Section 149.43, ORC. The information contained herein may be reported to appropriate organizations, data banks and governmental bodies.

This Consent Agreement is not an adjudication order as discussed in Chapter 119, ORC. Any action initiated by the Board based on alleged violations of this Consent Agreement shall comply with the Administrative Procedures Act, Chapter 119, ORC.

EFFECTIVE DATE

MS. GOETZ understands that this Consent Agreement is subject to ratification by the Board prior to signature by the Board President and shall become effective upon the last date of signature below.

Lauren M. Goetz RN, CNM
LAUREN M. GOETZ, R.N., C.N.M. MSN

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DATE

Bertha M. Lovelace BA, CRNA, RN

BERTHA LOVELACE, President
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